


# Memorandum



**Date:** September 3, 2014

**To:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Florida Animal Friend Grant Application

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(12)

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) ratify the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action in applying for the Florida Animal Friend grant funds in the amount of \$25,000. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available during the term of the grant; to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the County; and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to County Attorney's approval.

## **SCOPE**

The Florida Animal Friend Grant Program administered by the Animal Service Department will provide free spay and neuter services for dogs and cats owned by qualified residents of Miami-Dade County. The program will positively impact shelter intake by reducing the local birth rate of unexpected puppies and kittens. The services made available through the Florida Animal Friend Grant are parallel with the programs detailed in the No Kill Resolution related to affordable spay/neuter.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

The grant request of \$25,000 is exclusively funded through Florida Animal Friend, Inc., by proceeds from the purchase and/or renewal of the Florida spay/neuter auto license plate. The project period for the grant is one (1) year from receipt of grant funds. No matching funds are required.

## **TRACK RECORD/MONITOR**


Ms. Kathleen Labrada, Chief of Operations and Enforcement, Animal Services Department, will monitor and process the disbursement and expenditure of grant funds, and manage programmatic and fiscal reporting in accordance with project guidelines.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Animal Services Department applied for a grant in the amount of \$25,000, made available through the Florida Animal Friend Grant Program. The goal of the project is to provide free spay and neuter services for dogs and cats to qualified residents of Miami-Dade County. Proof of qualification to receive program services consists of the eligibility letter confirming the resident is a recipient of one of the following programs 1) Food Stamps; 2) Medicaid; 3) Supplemental Security Income (SSI); 4) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners  
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The grant deadline did not allow sufficient time for the processing of the resolution and its submission to the Board prior to submission of the application.

  
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Alina T. Hudak  
Deputy Mayor



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** September 3, 2014

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 3(B)(12).

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(12)  
9-3-14

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE ACTION IN APPLYING FOR THE FLORIDA  
ANIMAL FRIEND GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$25,000; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE, EXPEND, AND EXECUTE SUCH  
CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF  
UNDERSTANDING, AND AMENDMENTS AFTER  
APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZING  
THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY  
FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT  
MAY BECOME AVAILABLE

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board ratifies the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action in applying for the Florida Animal Friend grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 for the Animal Services Department. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available during the term of the grant; to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the County; and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to County Attorney's approval.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner  
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

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Jean Monestime

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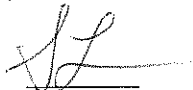
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Sabrina Levin



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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Lols Kostroski

Miami-Dade County Animal Services  
7401 NW 74th Street  
Miami, FL 33166

Dear Kathleen Labrada,

Thank you for supporting the Florida Animal Friend spay/neuter license plate program. Response from the public has quickly made the spay/neuter license plate a popular selection. In this year's grant competition, the grant selection committee evaluated 37 complete applications requesting \$813,600. Each reviewer read all of the grants and scored them in 6 categories including cost:benefit ratio, track record of the applicant, and evidence of compelling need for the program.

Ultimately, 26 grant applications were funded for a total of \$600,040.

We are pleased to announce that Miami-Dade County Animal Services has been selected for funding in the amount of \$25,000. Some of the applications were funded for less than requested in order to provide support for as many projects as possible.

In order to accept the FAF grant, please sign a copy of this agreement and return it by August 1, 2014. Checks will be mailed by August 15, 2014. In signing the letter, Miami-Dade County Animal Services agrees to the following stipulations:

- All information submitted in the grant application is accurate.
- All activities in the funded project are compliant with federal, state and local laws and codes.
- The funds will be expended only as described in the application and only for spay/neuter services. Microchipping, vaccinations, transportation, etc. are not to be funded with this grant. Pain medication can be included in the costs, and is required.
- Any unspent funds remaining on August 31, 2015 will be returned to FAF.
- Your agency will seek media and community coverage of the grant award.
- Your agency will conduct a campaign to promote FAF spay/neuter license plate sales so that even more funds will be available in the future.
- Your grant application will be posted on the FAF web site as an example of a successful application.
- Your organization will submit the completed project report by September 1, 2015.

Again, congratulations on the wonderful work you are doing on behalf of the welfare of animals and for proposing such an outstanding project to FAF. We look forward to learning of your great success.

Agreed,

  
Lols Kostroski, Executive Director  
for FLORIDA ANIMAL FRIEND, INC.

Signature

(Print name)

(Print Title)

for Miami-Dade County Animal Services



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